

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 31, 47, 51, and 55 to read as follows.

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

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31. (Currently Amended) A head substrate of a printing head capable of being detachably mounted on a printer main body, comprising:

- a memory unit mounted on said print head substrate;
- plural external connection terminals for externally entering various signals and a driving electric power;
- recording means for recording according to the various signals;
- data memory means for executing data writing and data readout;
- memory access means for executing the data writing into said data memory means in response to the various signals and the driving electric power and the data readout corresponding to the various signals; and
- writing inhibition means for permanently disabling the data writing into said data memory means by said memory access means.

32. (Original) A head substrate according to Claim 31, wherein:

- said writing inhibition means is adapted for cutting off an electric power wiring for supplying the driving electric power for data writing from said external connection terminals to said memory access means.

33. (Original) A head substrate according to Claim 31, further comprising:  
common terminal wiring means for connecting said memory access means and said recording execution means to a common external connection terminal.

34. (Original) A head substrate according to Claim 31, wherein:  
said external connection terminals receive, at one thereof, from the exterior, an access permission signal for permitting the data writing;

said memory access means executes data writing into said data memory means when the access permission signal is externally entered from said external connection terminal; and

said writing inhibition means is adapted for cutting off an electric power wiring for supplying the driving electric power for data writing from said external connection terminal to said memory access means.

35. (Original) A head substrate according to Claim 31, wherein:  
said memory access means writes data of plural kinds in succession in said data memory means; and

said writing inhibition means individually disables data overwriting for the data of the plural kinds written in succession in said data memory means by said memory access means.

36. (Previously Amended) A head substrate according to Claim 31, wherein:

said plural external connection terminals externally receive, as the various signals, a binary logic signal corresponding to whether or not to execute the recording, a recording image signal and a clock signal;

said recording execution means is adapted for executing a recording operation by externally receiving the recording image signal and the clock signal when said binary logic signal externally entered from said external connection terminals is in a first state; and

said memory access means is adapted for executing at least either of data writing into or data readout from said data memory means at a timing corresponding to the clock signal, when said binary logic signal externally entered into said external connection terminal is in a second state.

37. (Previously Amended) A head substrate according to Claim 31, wherein:

said recording means is adapted for recording based on the recording image signal serially entered into a specified one of said external connection terminals; and

said memory access means is adapted for writing data, serially entered from said specified one of said external connection terminals, into said data memory means, and serially outputting the data read from said data memory means to said specified one of said external connection terminals.

38. (Previously Amended) A head substrate according to Claim 31, wherein:

said recording means is adapted for recording based on the recording image signal parallel entered into specified ones of said external connection terminals; and

said memory access means is adapted for writing data, parallel entered from said specified plurality of said external connection terminals that parallel receive the recording image signal, into said data memory means, and for serially outputting the data, read from said data memory means, to said specified plurality of said external connection terminals that parallel receive the recording image signal.

39. (Original) A head substrate according to Claim 36, wherein the clock signal for executing the recording operation and the clock signal supplied to said memory access means are used in common.

40. (Previously Amended) A printing head capable of being detachably mounted in a printer main body, comprising a head substrate according to Claim 31.

41. (Original) A printing head according to Claim 40, wherein said recording execution means includes a recording element for recording.

42. (Original) A printing head according to Claim 41, wherein said recording element is a heat generating element.

43. (Original) A printing head according to Claim 42, wherein the recording is executed by discharging ink by the heat of said heat generating element.

44. (Previously Amended) A printing head capable of being detachably mounted in a printer main body, comprising a head substrate according to Claim 36.

45. (Previously Amended) A printing head capable of being detachably mounted in a printer main body, comprising a head substrate according to Claim 37.

46. (Previously Amended) A printing head capable of being detachably mounted in a printer main body, comprising a head substrate according to Claim 38.

47. (Currently Amended) A printing head capable of being detachably mounted on a printer main body, comprising:

a memory unit mounted on said print head substrate;

plural external connection terminals for externally entering various signals and a driving electric power;

recording means for recording according to the various signals;

data memory means capable of data readout; and

memory access means for reading data stored in said data memory means;

wherein said memory access means is rendered, by writing inhibition means, permanently incapable of data writing into said data memory means.

48. (Original) A printing head according to Claim 47, wherein said recording execution means includes a recording element for recording.

49. (Original) A printing head according to Claim 48, wherein said recording element is a heat generating element.

50. (Original) A printing head according to Claim 49, wherein the recording is executed by discharging ink by the heat of said heat generating element.

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51. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a printing head capable of being detachably mounted on a printer main body, comprising:  
a step of preparing a head substrate including plural external connection terminals for externally entering various signals and a driving electric power; recording means for recording according to the various signals; data memory means capable of executing data writing and data readout; memory access means for executing the data writing into said data memory means in response to the various signals and the driving electric power and executing the data readout corresponding to the various signals; and writing inhibition means for permanently disabling the data writing into said data memory means by said memory access means,

wherein a memory unit is mounted on said print head substrate;

a step of executing data writing into said data memory means by said memory access means; and

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a writing inhibition step of permanently disabling, by said writing inhibition means after the data writing, the data writing into said data memory means by said memory access means.

52-54. (Cancelled)

55. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a printing head

capable of being detachably mounted on a printer main body, comprising:

a step of preparing a printing head including plural external connection terminals for externally entering various signals and a driving electric power; recording means for recording according to the various signals; data memory means capable of executing data writing and data readout; memory access means for executing the data writing into said data memory means in response to the various signals and the driving electric power and executing the data readout corresponding to the various signals; and writing inhibition means for permanently disabling the data writing into said data memory means by said memory access means.

wherein a memory unit is mounted on said print head substrate;

a step of executing data writing into said data memory means by said memory access means; and

a writing inhibition step of permanently disabling, by said writing inhibition means after the data writing, the data writing into said data memory means by said memory access means.

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56. (Original) A method for producing the printing head according to Claim 55, wherein:

said writing inhibition means is adapted for cutting off an electric power wiring for supplying the driving electric power for data writing from said external connection terminals to said memory access means.

57. (Original) A method for producing the head substrate according to Claim 55, wherein:

said writing inhibition means is adapted for cutting off a signal wiring for connecting said external connection terminals, externally receiving an access permission signal for permitting the data writing, and said memory access means.

58. (Previously Amended) A method for producing the printing head according to Claim 55, wherein:

said data writing step writes data of plural kinds in succession in said data memory means by said memory access means; and

said writing inhibition step individually disables data overwriting for the data of the plural kinds written in succession in said data memory means by said memory access means.

59. (Previously Amended) A printing apparatus comprising:

a printing head according to Claim 40;



input means for individually transmitting various signals respectively to a plurality of said external connection terminals of said printing head, thereby causing said recording execution means to execute a recording operation; and

memory readout means for transmitting various signals to said plural external connection terminal of said printing head, thereby causing said memory access means to execute the data readout.

60. (Original) A printing apparatus comprising:

a printing head according to Claim 45;

input means for individually transmitting various signals respectively to a plurality of said external connection terminals of said printing head, thereby causing said recording execution means to execute a recording operation; and

memory readout means for transmitting various signals to said plural external connection terminals of said printing head, thereby causing said memory access means to execute the data readout.

61. (Original) A printing apparatus comprising:

a printing head according to Claim 46;

input means for individually transmitting various signals respectively to a plurality of said external connection terminals of said printing head, thereby causing said recording execution means to execute a recording operation; and

memory readout means for transmitting various signals to said plural external connection terminals of said printing head, thereby causing said memory access means to execute the data readout.

62. (Original) A printing apparatus comprising:

a printing head according to Claim 44;

wherein said recording input means is adapted for individually transmitting a binary logic signal of a second state and various signals such as a recording image signal and a recording clock signal respectively to a plurality of said external connection terminals of said printing head; and

said memory readout means is adapted for transmitting the binary logic signal of the second state and the memory clock signal, etc. to the plurality of said external connection terminals of said printing head.

63-64. (Cancelled)

65. (Original) A printing apparatus comprising:

a printing head according to Claim 47; and

means for driving said printing head.

66. (Original) A printing apparatus according to Claim 65, wherein said recording execution means includes a recording element for recording.

67. (Original) A printing apparatus according to Claim 66, wherein recording element is a head generating element and ink is discharged by the heat generated by said heat generating element.

68. (Previously Added) A head substrate according to Claim 31, wherein said electric power is also used for driving said recording means.

69. (Previously Added) A printing head according to Claim 47, wherein said electric power is also used for driving said recording means.

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